

In re application of: Minoru Umemoto et al.

App. No. : 10/585,707

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For : PROCESS OF FORMING ULTRAFINE
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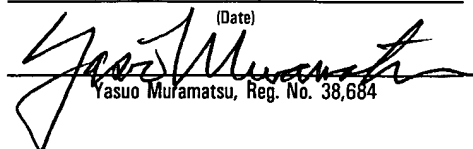
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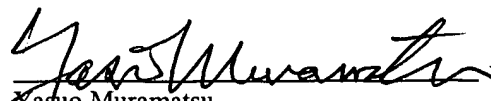
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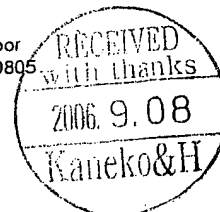
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International application No. PCT/JP2004/018650	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 14 December 2004 (14.12.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 21 January 2004 (21.01.2004)	
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1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).																								
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20041309PCT

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14.12.2004

Priority date (day/month/year)

21.01.2004

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-15 YES

Claims NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-15 YES

Claims NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-15 YES

Claims NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1 - 15

The inventions of claims 1-15 concern the point of giving the machining surface a local large strain when machine processing using machining tools is performed, which is not described in any of the document cited in the ISR and is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.